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156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY
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January 28, 1910.

Mr. Howland Wood,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Our Board of Governors has appointed, as the Committee on the Publication of the Journal, for the current year, Bauman L. Belden, Chairman, Howland Wood and Charles G. Dodd.

I trust you will find it convenient to serve on this committee, as I feel sure it will be a good thing for the Journal to have the benefit of your knowledge and experience, and, personally, I anticipate much pleasure in serving on the committee with you. The third member of the Committee, Mr. Charles G. Dodd, 52 Broadwar New York, is an old friend of mine and a very good fellow.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

PARVA NE PEREANT
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY
NEW YORK

March 21, 1910.

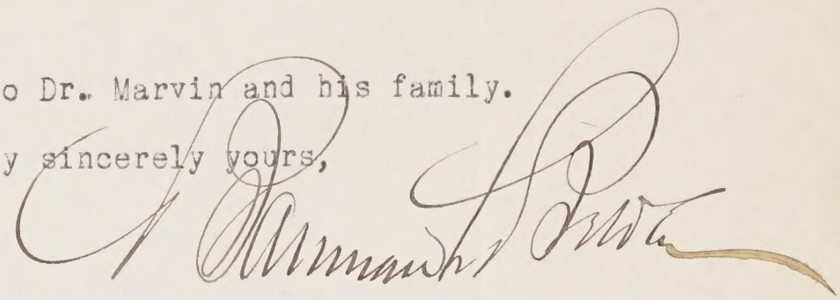
My dear Wood:

I have your letter of March 16th enclosing Mr. Crosby's card. I would be glad to know if his set of the Journal is bound or not and what he wants for it. If it is in good condition and the price is reasonable, I may possibly be able to find him a customer.

I feel a little in doubt as to what to say regarding Frey's proposition. I will, however, think about it and let you know my views later. If I can arrange matters here to get away, I will probably go over to Boston sometime next month and look over things with you and Dr, Marvin. I think it is rather important that we get together about once a year and go over the ground.

Kindly remember me to Dr. Marvin and his family.

Very sincerely yours,



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NEW YORK

September 19, 1910.

Mr. Howland Wood,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Please excuse delay in replying to your letter of September 14th, I have been up to my eyes in work since the convention and had to let some things wait.

I am glad that the box reached you safely, I hope the ink stand was not broken, I packed it very carefully, but it is hard to pack crockery and metal in the same box.

W. W. came up here late Saturday afternoon to get his membership medal, I went down and took dinner with him in his room at the Manhattan and got away in time to get the midnight train home, he had considerable to say about A. N. A. matters and other things, I had a very good time, he wanted me to inform you, when I should write, that he is in an exceedingly wide awake state of mind.

I have just received your letter of September 17th, also the specimen of Japanese ring monew, which we are very glad to have, I enclose an acknowledgment.

I have no doubt but what the original and only Mr. H. (F. R. N. S.) will give you much valuable information regarding the late convention, I am quite anxious to see the account which I suppose will be published in Elder's magazine.

I will be glad to hear from Mr. Ramsden regarding Japanese war medals and decorations, could he not give us some interesting information on that subject for the Journal ? I am glad to hear that he has sent you an article on knife money.

What you say about the Broadway entrance has occurred to me before, I will bring the matter up in due time.

I have heard of a medal for the Society of Minerva, which was established in Trieste, Austria, in the time of Napoleon, (1810) I am going to try and get the medal, if I succeed, it might be a good thing for the Journal to publish.

I am also trying to get some medals relating to the Brussels convention, as you did not say to keep it, I presume you want the paper badge returned, so I send it herewith, as it is not of metal we can hardly illustrate it.

Higgins wanted to have a medal for the convention bearing the seal of this Society among other things, he tackled me on the subject and that was as far as the medal got, so there is one thing less for future numismatists to collect !

Kindly remember me to Dr. Marvin.

Very sincerely yours,

Farran Zerbe

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NEW YORK

September 29, 1910

My Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of yesterday has just reached me. I have no doubt you needed a lot of sleep to make up for what you lost at the Convention.

I saw W.W. about a week ago, and he informed me that the deal with Zerbe was closed, and everything settled in a satisfactory manner, so I presume you will get that word from him in the course of time. In the meantime, do not tell anybody that I had anything to say on the subject.

Sorry to hear that the official photographer has not come to time. I should think if the energetic Mr. H. (Frns) gets on to him with that big stick of which you speak he would probably get something out of him.

I will remind Elder of the fact that we are no longer "Archaeological" at the first convenient opportunity. I, too, have been wondering why come of our energetic publishers have not gotten out an account of the Convention; but I have no doubt but what it will be great when it does come out.

As to the Convention, are you writing up a little account of it for the Journal? It seems to me we want to state that such a thing has taken place, and say a brief word or two about it, without attempting to convey the impression that it was the greatest numismatic event of the past century, or using any other elaborate trimmings.

It has just occurred to me that a little article, accompanied, perhaps, by an illustration, regarding those three Japanese medals that I purchased for the Society might be of interest, as they seem to be about the first Japanese medals, of the style of modern medals of the Western world, which have appeared over here.

I am very busy just now, writing letters to Paris and other places to try and replace the medals that were lost on the steamship Minnehaha.

I have bern thinking some of writing a little article on medals as related to the Tariff. Perhaps I will do so if I can get time.

I had a short call from Mr. Fairbanks a few days ago. He seemed quite interested in our place here.

Kindly remember me to Dr. Marvin and the various members of his family when you see them.

Very sincerely yours,

Farran Zerbe

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October 5, 1910

My dear Mr. Wood:

I am sending by express today the three Japanese medals, and the description from Ramsden's catalogue. I think you will no doubt make a most interesting little article about these medals.

I have just received the Year Book of the American Numismatic Association, and presume it has reached you also. I note in all published accounts of the Convention I have seen so far that they have carefully eliminated my opening address, of which I gave Mr. Duffield a copy at his request. I wonder if my remarks on the subject of office seeking were a little more than they could stand!

I have also received the "Convention Number" of the Elder Magazine, and I see that about the only description of the Convention is a collection of remarks from the point of view of the New York Numismatic Club, some of which are inclined to be a little sarcastic. I note one little paragraph: "It took more time for the Convention to get out of the wood than it took Wood to get out of the Convention." There is also a little dig at W.W., and various other things that are intended to be very funny.

I have asked Miss Baldwin to see if she can hunt up anything regarding the Roman coins with Spanish counter-stamps, and if she finds anything, she will communicate it to you.

I think it would be a very good idea to mention what Adams has to say on patterns, and I have no doubt that you and Dr. Marvin will be able to do the Convention full justice. I am still hunting for Dr. Storer's paper, which I will send you as soon as I find it.

I am arranging matters to get away for a couple of days, and have no time to write more now. Kindly remember me to Dr. Marvin.

Very sincerely yours,

Farran Zerbe

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NEW YORK

October 22, 1910

Mr. Howland Wood,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of October 20th has just been received, together with Mr. Tilden's application, which I am very glad to have.

You use the letters F.A.N.S. This wont do at all. I have no doubt that a certain friend of ours was very much disappointed that in our last revision of the Constitution, we did not call our members Fellows. Just think how nice it would have been to have put after his name F.R.N.S., F.A.N.S.! Though I think the F.A.N.S. should really come first, because it costs $15 where the other only costs $5. Somehow M.A.N.S. would not look at all picturesque after the name, especially if the member happened to be a woman!

I am glad to hear about the article on the Japanese medals. If it pleases Dr. Marvin, I am sure it will please all the rest of us.

I had a chat with W.W. the day after you went to Boston, and he told me that the negotiations with Zerbe had been concluded, and the matter settled in a satisfactory way. I think Frey will do very good work on it.

Dr. Marvin sent me the first 16 pp of the October Journal, which look quite interesting. I have not read it all over yet, as I have been busy on other things the last couple of days.

I am very glad to hear that you received the "precious document", and hope that Dr. S's mind will be as much relieved by getting it as mine was by getting rid of it!

I hope you will get over to New York again before very long.

Very sincerely yours,

Farnum Stickney

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November 26, 1910.

Mr. Howland Wood,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of November 19th was received some days ago. I have seen the number of Spink to which you refer, The New York Numismatic Club is certainly a great organization !

The post card of this and the Hispanic Society building was gotten up by Mr. Huntington a year or more ago, I only had a couple of them and I sent them away, I do not know if Mr. Huntington has any left or not, if I can get you one or two I will do so.

I have a letter from Adams in which he says "I am putting the State Assay Office article into shape, and will soon forward it to Mr. Wood."

Mr. Tilden has been duly elected an associate member, as his application came through you, I proposed him in your name, if this is satisfactory to you, will you put your name on the application and return it to me ?

I had a letter from Dr. Marvin, a few days ago, advocating the continued use of the same paper for the Journal, printing the plates only on smooth paper, I thought we all approved a change to smooth paper, and was rather surprised at this, I wrote him that I would take it up with Mr. Huntington the first opportunity.

I think that, even if smooth paper should be used, it would not be well to print all of the illustrations with the text, it seems to me however that with smooth paper we could put cuts of small pieces in the text with very good results, I would be glad to have your views on the matter, so that I can submit your opinion, as well as Dr. Marvin's to Mr. Huntington.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Howland Wood

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February 1, 1911.

My dear Mr. Wood:

You, no doubt, remember about the medals that we shipped on the S. S. Minnehaha, which were reported a total loss, if you do not, you will see an account of them in my report at the November meeting, which I sent to Dr. Marvin for the Journal.

As a sequel to that, after all the medals to replace those lost were ordered, a portion of the lost medals were found, taken possession of by the Insurance Company, and shipped to New York, where they now are.

These medals are in the Appraiser's Stores, I have seen them, and as they are more or less damaged, the Society has refused to accept any of them, and the Insurance Company wants to dispose of them. I was requested to furnish a list of the numismatic societies in this country who might be interested in buying them, and I gave them such a list, which included you, as Secretary of the Boston Numismatic Society.

I am rather anxious to get hold of this lot of medals, if I can get them at a low enough price, but of course I can not make any bid for them as it would look as if the Society was trying to get them in a round about way, and that would interfere with the negotiations with the Insurance Company, which has, so far, only paid a portion of the claim, on account.

Now, if you, as Secretary of the Boston Society, should get a communication from the Insurance Company offering these medals for sale, would you mind sending it to Newell, with the request that he look at the medals and take such action in the matter as he may think best, as you are in Boston, it would be perfectly natural for you to ask some one here to look into it for you. I have had a talk with Newell about it, and he understands the case perfectly.

Please consider this confidential. I do not want any one, out side of us three, to know any thing about it at present.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Farran Zerbe

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May 3rd, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. spent a good part of yesterday afternoon with me up here, and I enjoyed their visit very much. I particularly enjoyed meeting Mrs. W., and I think our good friend is in great luck.

How is it that no mention has been made in the Numismatist of the King of Italy's gift to The American Numismatic Association of his book "Corpus Nummorum Italicorum"? I should think that the members of the Association would be very glad to know that it had received that regonition.

The way I happen to know it is that at the time we received our copy, about two months ago, the Italian Consul-General in New York called me up on the telephone and asked me if I had the address of The American Numismatic Association. As the A. N. A. is not at present provided with an address, the best I could do was to give him the address of its president. So I presume that the book must have gone out to Columbus, As the Consul-General informed me that he had a copy which he desired to deliver to the Association.

I am hoping to get to Boston about the middle of next week. Some matters here are sort of hanging fire so that I do not know just what day I will be able to get away.

I sent the annual proceedings to Dr. Marvin a couple of days ago.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Peck

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June 8th, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

I have received your letter of June 5th and the four numbers of the Yokohoma Society's publication, and I enclose an acknowledgment herewith. I would have acknowledged these sooner but I have been having some changes made in my telephone, and my office, and the last couple of days, has been rather uncomfortably full of men working, and my desk pushed off in a corner so I did not do any more work of that kind than I could help.

I note what you say regarding the King of Italy's book, and I guess you are right in saying that Henderson got a little ahead of the game on that. The politics in the Numismatic Association are certainly rather funny. I think Fry is doing very good work on the Numismatist and he is certainly making it much more interesting that It used to be.

I saw W. W. at Elder's sale on Monday. We both happened to want some of the same things, and we had a little confab before the sale which resulted in a little division and considerable financial savings, which is a very nice way of working things. I expected that he would be here to see me some day this week but he has not shown up so far. Hills was over at the same time, and I had the same kind of a dicker with result

that we all got some~~thing~~ bargains.

Adams is working on the question of illustrations for his article, and I hope we will be able to accomplish something in that line for the next number of the Journal.

I note what you say about the Carapace coin and we will certainly be very glad to have it. I will also be glad when the Japanese medals get over as they are certainly most interesting. I will DEE ~~sell them to~~ some of our people, and I will make very sure that I will be able to arrange to keep them here. I expect very soon to start in rearranging the collection of decorations and war medals, and these will, no doubt, show up in very good time to be worked in in their proper places.

When do you expect to come to New York again ? I hope when you do, you will spend a night with me out in Elizabeth.

Please remember me to all my good friends in Boston, and with very kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Herman C. Bumpus

My stenographer got a little mixed on this letter, but I guess you will be able to make out my various corrections.

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June 19th, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

I have received your letter of June 18th, and I greatly appreciate your congratulations on the recent distinction that I have ~~received~~ heard of, though it really seems to me in this instance it is a case of having greatness thrust upon me, however, I suppose I will have to bear my honors as meekly as possible under the circumstances. The sympathy, which you express for my family, is also greatly appreciated, and as far as the members of my family go, their greatest regret in the matter was that they were not in the party. Any way this little incident served to add to the experience of a very delightful day, and certainly watching that Polo Game would tend to stir up even the most sluggish blood, and I think we are all to be commended for our moderation in not getting pinched in every village that we passed through.

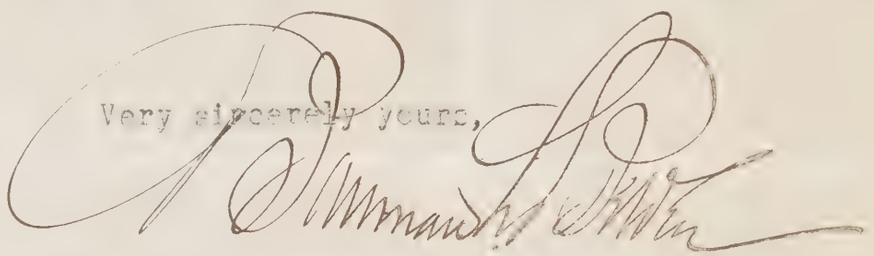
So W. W. will be in Boston soon. Well I am sure you and he will have a good time, and should you also join the noble Order of Jack drivers it would not be a bit surprising. Please remember me to W. W. when you see him, and tell him that he is a mighty good fellow even though he did do all his shooting for the British team.

I presume we will have the Journal in a few days and I am quite anxious to see it. We will have to start in on the next number as

soon as this is out of the way, and see if we can get it out a litte nearer the time. I will tackle Dr. Kunz for his Roty paper, and ~~of~~ I think, ~~course~~ with that, we will have about material enough to fill it up. It is getting on toward vacation time and I suppose from now on I will be away more or less. I have not so far planned any particular trip, and unless I do, I will probably take my vacation four or five days at a time and string it out during the summer, though of course something may turn up and make me change my plans, and take it all at once. However things go, I will try and keep in pretty close touch with you on the question of the Journal, and will do all I can to hurry Adams on his illustrations and any thing else that may come up.

Kindly remember me to all my good friends in Boston when you see them, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,



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June 22nd, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

Your letter of June 18th and the Japanese medals and other things came to hand a couple of days ago. I intended acknowledging them sooner but was very busy with some other things so let the matter wait.

I am very glad indeed to have the medals, and I must, at the earliest opportunity, see what arrangements I can make for keeping them. I believe you informed me that there was no immediate hurry in settling the matter, and I am very glad of this because it may take some little time to get hold of the people that I want to tackle regarding this.

I have just written to Dr. Kunz regarding his Roty article, and I hope to know pretty soon just when he will have it ready. I fear it will be pretty long but we will have to see when we get it just how we can take care of it.

I presume by this time you are enjoying yourself with W. W. Please remember me to him also to any of my good friends in Boston ~~whom~~ whom you may see,

Very sincerely yours,

Farran Zerbe

PARVA NE PEREANT
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September 5th, 1911.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Please excuse the delay in replying to your last letter. I could not tell immediately how we would be fixed for exhibiting the Ro collection of ancient Chinese coins. I have however been thinking it over, and I think that it would be a very good thing to put them on exhibition here for a little while, and think we can display them very nicely. Therefore, if you will have them shipped here from Chicago, I will take care of them when they arrive. I do not see any probability of the Society being able to acquire the collection, but if it is here it may possibly interest some of our people. That same thing has happened in the case of a couple of other fine collections that were placed on exhibition here.

I am sending you herewith check for one hundred and twenty dollars for the Japanese medals, so that settles that little matter, and W. W. will have to look elsewhere for the Japanese war medals. I do not remember whether I told you or not, but when he was in New York sometime ago he offered me a hundred dollars for the two war medals.

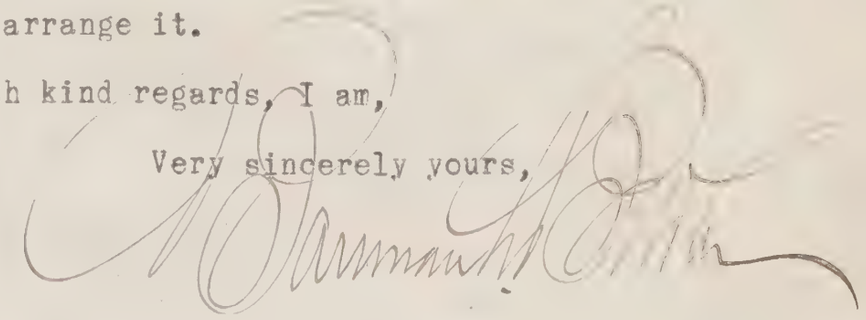
I have seen one or two newspaper paragraphs regarding the Chicago Convention, principally what Dr. Henderson had to say about the 1804 Dollar. Do you know how things went out there, and what new Officers they elected ?

I hope you will get over to New York before very long as

I would like to have a little chat with you on quite a good many subjects. I would like to get over to Boston for a day or two this fall, but I doubt if I will be able to arrange it.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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September 13th, 1911.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

The case with the Chinese collection has just been received, and as far as I have seen the contents appears to be in good order. I have not looked it all over as yet, but will do so shortly. I think I will be able to make a very good display, but it takes a little figuring on account of the size of the boards on which the pieces are mounted. These things are certainly fixed up in a truly Japanese way.

I have just received from Ramsden's from a copy of the transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan, volume XIX, part II, May 1891, containing an article on Japanese coins. Did you ask Ramsden to send us this? As no word of any kind came with it, I feel a little doubt whether it is sent as a donation or purchase. This is something I am very glad to have which ever way it comes.

When I get the Chinese collection arranged in the case, shall I label it The Ro Collection loaned by Ramsden, or loaned by you?

I have not seen or heard anything from W. W. for a long time. Have you any idea when he is coming to New York again?

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Herman A. Metz

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October 2nd, 1911.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I have your letter of September 27th. I would like very much to have the Japanese medal of which you enclosed a rubbing, and would be very glad if you would send me it over at you convenience together with a translation of the inscription.

I went over to Tariffville to Mr. Mitchelson's funeral, and stayed over night in Hartford with Mr. Hills. That and the coin sale, that I attended on Saturday, took up so much time last week that I had not had time to look up the earliest coin book, that we have. I will do so at the first opportunity, and let you have anything I can find out on the subject.

I think the last number of the Journal was fine, and I hope we will be able to make up a little time in getting out the next number. Adams is going to hurry up with his casts for the illustrations as much as possible, and I will do all I can to hurry things along.

With kind regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Edward T. Newell

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October 6th, 1911.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I have at last gotten the Chinese collection all arranged, and it certainly makes a very fine show. I enclose one of the labels, that we printed to put over the cases, and would be glad to know if you consider it all right.

It will probably be several weeks before any of the people, who might be interested in obtaining the collection for the Society, will be around as they are mostly out of the City at the present time.

You wrote me that the collection was offerred at $3000.00. If purchased for the Society, could it be obtained for less than that amount, or if you do not care to mention a less amount, would an offer be considered? I do not know, of course, whether I will be in a position to even make an offer but before I say anything to anybody about it, I would be glad to know as nearly what I can do as possible.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Herman A. Otto

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October 23rd, 1911.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I have your letter of October 18th. I think it would be rather interesting to describe and illustrate a Japanese medal the first time that we have convenient space to put it on a plate.

That question of working in single medals or coins when we may not have sufficient other things of the same character, that we want to illustrate, to fill up ~~the~~ a plate, ~~just~~ has set me thinking again of the question, that we were discussing a year ago, that is, of adopting a smooth finish paper that will enable us to print half-tones with the text any time we should desire to do so. It would certainly be a very convenient thing if we could illustrate our pieces this way with a few lines of discription or history accompanying the illustration. Should we decide to make a change of this kind at the beginning of the next year, I do not see that it need interfere with the reprints of Adams' paper or of Newell's (in case it runs into next year) as we could, no doubt, have the reprints made on the old style paper, and we are not likely to want to put half-tones in the text with ~~others~~ either of these articles.

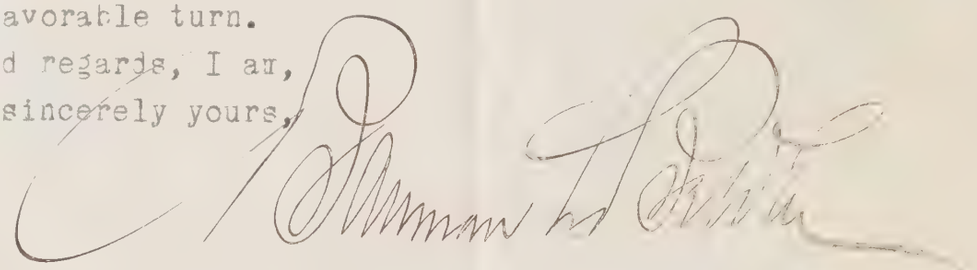
Mr. Huntington is still abroad. I am in hopes however that he will get back before very long, though nobody knows how soon he will get back. When he comes I am going to talk this matter over again with him, and see what he thinks, and if he thinks favorably of making the change I will probably run over to Boston and go over the whole matter with you and Dr. Marvin. I do not believe in abandoning the separate plates, but I do think it would be a very good thing if we could print with the text such things as would go better that way than on the plates, and there ought not to be any great difficulty in getting a paper that would answer very well for this purpose.

I was talking with a friend a few days ago regarding the Chinese collection, and he said "If you can buy it for One Thousand Dollars, I will present it to the Society." I told him that I thought that was a pretty safe offer considering that the price asked for the collection was $3000. but that I would communicate the matter to the owner of the collection.

Our good friend, Mr. Hills, has been very sick with an attack of pneumonia. I heard, however, several days ago, that he was improving, and as I have heard nothing since I am in hopes that he is "out of the woods" by this time as I would have been pretty sure to have heard if things had taken an unfavorable turn.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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November 2nd, 1911.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Dr. Marvin has written to me about certain interesting old Chinese moulds and other things of that kind, that you have recently turned up, and suggested that they might make a very interesting show at a meeting of the Society. I think it would be very much more interesting if you could manage to attend some meeting of the Society, and bring them with you and give us a little talk on the subject. Think it over, and see if you can find some good excuse for getting over to New York, and while here tell us some interesting things. Our meetings are, as you know, on the third Saturday of every month, beginning with the 18th of November, and if you can manage to do this at any time, ~~if you would~~ let me know long enough ahead to note it on the cards for the meeting.

I am glad you are getting along so nicely with the next number of the Journal. Dr. Marvin has sent me over the proof of quite a considerable part of it. Adams has gotten quite a number of very good casts, so I guess we will be able to illustrate this portion of his article very nicely, and I am hoping to see Newell any day.

Quite a number of people have looked at that Chinese collection with a good deal of interest, but I have not as yet gotten hold of any of our people who might help the Society to get it except Newell, if others should take the matter up he would help along. You ought to see the collection while it is displayed in our cases, which is another inducement for you to come over to New York.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Woodin

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January 9th, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

I read your letter of December 13th at a meeting of the Council last Saturday, and no action was taken regarding it, as it was thought better to talk over the subject with you, if we can arrange to do so, before coming to a decision.

I might say that all the members of the Council are very favorably disposed toward you, and in my opinion the question of compensation is about the only thing to be considered. Whether it will be decided that we can meet the figure that you mention or not I do not know, but I think that if you can arrange matters so as to run over to New York for a day or two, it would be a very good thing. We have our annual meeting on the evening of January 18th. How would it be to take it in, and then go out to Elizabeth and spend Sunday with me, or better still spend Friday and Saturday in the City and spend both Friday night and Sunday with me. If you could not do this, have you any idea when you could get over for a day or so.

With kindest regards to you all, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Herman A. Metz

I am pleased to make the following proposition in re the Ko collection. I am sure there are two or more contributors who will agree to present this collection to the Numismatic Society the price of $2500. If towards this amount $2250 is raised Mr H. A. Ramsden informs me that he will agree to become a contributor to the amount of $250, if only 2000 of this required amount is found Mr Ramsden will become a contributor to the amount of $500, full credit to be given Mr Ramsden for one of the contributions. Say then it is understood that there is no abatement from the price asked, namely $2500; and that

This collection is to be purchased for the Society and not for an individual

Yours very truly

PARVA NE PEREANT
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NEW YORK

January 23rd, 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I am instructed by a couple of the members of this Society to make a cash offer of two thousand dollars ($2000) for the Ro collection of Chinese coins, and I would be glad to know your decision on this at your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to consult with Mr. Ramsden before making a positive reply, please advise me of that fact so that I can inform the parties, who made the offer, that we will have to wait for a reply from Japan.

With kindest regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Edward T. Newell

January the twenty-fourth

Nineteen Hundred and Twelve.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
c/o Am. Numismatic Society,
156th St. West of Broadway,
New York.

Dear Sir:--

Your favor of January 23 at hand making a cash offer of $2000 for Ro collection of Chinese coins.

As I havepretty complete instructions for the disposing of these from Mr. Ramsden I can say right off that this offer will not be accepted. I cannot accept anything else than the price I told you of in New York. I will, however, mention your offer to Mr. Ramsden in my next letter. I guess that you will have to get a third person interested in this collection if it is to stay in this country for Mr. Ramsden I understand is going to take it to Europe with him this summer, if it still remains unsold. I have another letter from you at home which I will answer in a day or two.

Very truly yours,

HW/GF

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January 27, 1912.

Mr. Howland Wood,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I take great pleasure in informing you that the Council has appointed you Curator of the Society, at a salary of twenty five hundred dollars ($2500.00) per year.

The duties of this office are to take charge of the Society's collections of coins medals &c., arrange and catalogue the same, advise purchases and exchanges, and such other duties as usually pertain to that office. The hours of attendance from nine A. M. to five P. M.

As you informed me that it would take you about a month to arrange your affairs in Boston, you can, if agreeable to you, assume the office on March 1st.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you, and hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director.

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March 6, 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I presume that if Mr. Ramsden had accepted the offer that I made for the Ro collection we would have heard by this time. Mr. Huntington, who is one of the three subscribers, evidently takes that view of it, as he has instructed me to withdraw the offer. Should you hear favorably from Ramsden at any later time, let me know, and I will try and have it reconsidered. Newell is of the opinion that two thousand dollars is enough to pay for it, and unless some body else should take it up, I do not see any prospect of being able to make a better offer, in fact I am not entirely sure that I could get them to reconsider the withdrawal of to original offer. I feel rather disappointed about it, as I think it would have been a fine thing to get the collection.

Of course I want the Japenese Red Cross silver medal for men, and I would be glad if you would mail it over at your convenience. I would also like to have the pamphlet on Openwork Amulet coins.

I met Mr. Reilly at the Numismatic Club last month, and had a long talk with him, he expressed an intention of coming up here, but has not turned up so far. I will bear in mind your suggestion regarding an exhibition of modern struck Chinese coins, and I thank you very much for the offer of your specimens for that purpose, I will talk it over with Mr. Reilly when I see him, and see what can be done about it.

I suppose I will have to run over to Boston after a while, I am trying, however, to put it off until May, so as to attend the national congress of the Sons of the American Revolution at the same time.

When we get through with our alterations here, we will have a lot more exhibition space, and I think our main room will be very much improved. I hope you will be able to get over to see us before very long.

Very sincerely yours,

F. D. Wilman

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March 12th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Your two letters were duly received. I will take up the question of the Ro collection in the course of a few days and endeavor to arrange it. I have already spoken to two of the contributors, but have not had the chance to talk it over with Mr. Huntington. I will return Ramsden's letter in a day or two. Things are in such a heap just now that it is next door to impossible to do any work, but we are trying to get all our work finished up before the meeting of the Society on Saturday.

I will try and get the December report in shape either tomorrow or Thursday and will send it right along, and unless I see a prospect of being able to fix up the annual proceedings within a very few days I will let them go over until the next number.

Very sincerely yours,

William H. Woodin

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March 27th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

It has just occurred to me that I have not returned Mr. Ramsden's letter, and I accordingly send it to you herewith. I have made a copy of a sufficent portion of it to answer my purpose. I hope you will drop me a line as soon as you get a reply from Ramsden regarding the $2000 offer, and as soon as I hear anything definite I will take the matter up and do my best to arrange it. I do not want the collection to go away from here if it can be helped. If I have a good opportunity I may take the matter up even before Ramsden's reply is received on the strength of his offer to become a contributor, and I will advise you promptly of anything new in this connection.

I presume we will have the Journal very soon. I wrote to Dr. Marvin a couple of days ago telling him to go ahead without the annual proceedings, and that we will put them in the next number.

With kind regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Howland Wood

PARVA NE PEREANT
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NEW YORK

April 5, 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I have your letter of April 3d. You certainly are up against something of a problem. It would seem to me however that if you should make an offer to let the collection go for $2500. Ramsden to be a contributor of $500. of that amount, you would be covered by his letter to you. However that is for you to decide, you know much better than I do just what authority you could take in the matter. I would suggest, in case you decide to do this, that you make a formal offer on behalf of Ramsden, that I can submit to Mr. Huntington and the other contributors.

If you think it better to get more definite authority from Ramsden, go ahead and do so, and I will take up the matter again later, though it will not be quite so easy as Mr. Huntington will probably go abroad in three or four weeks and the other parties will probably be out of the city.

When I bring this matter up again, I want to be able to say just what can be done, and if it goes through to pay over the money and settle it up without any delay. If I should say I had a proposition subject to Ramsden's approval, and we would have to wait until we could hear from Japan, I do not think any thing would be done, so I will say nothing until I can say something positive.

Do not let my opinion influence you, but think it over and do what you think best.

With kind regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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May 9, 1912.

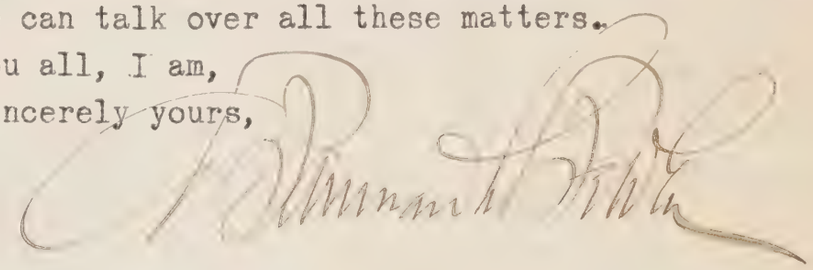
My dear Mr. Wood:

I have intended writing to you for several days regarding the Ro collection, Mr. Huntington has gone off to Europe without renewing his offer to be one of the contributors, one of the other contributors is all right, I have not had a chance to talk to the others, but will do so as soon as I can, I am of the poinion that I will have to work it up all over again, I have however something of a start, and I know definitely what are the best terms I can make, so it ought to be a little more simple, and I still hope that we will be able to keep the collection, it will probably be some little time before I can say definitely just what I will be able to do.

I expect to get the annual proceedings off this week, and I hope to be in Boston about the 20th, and then we can talk over all these matters.

With kindest regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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May 10th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I have just received your letter of May 8th. As regards the Japanese War medals for the war with China and the war with Russia, I would be very glad to have them so as to show both sides in the case, but I have not the necessary cash just at the present time. I will think it over and let you know later. I note what you say about the Kari decoration. In plain ordinary United States I suppose we would call this the Order of the Rising Sun of the eighth class, and while we have the decoration of the third class it would be most interesting to have this one also, and I will certainly want it if it does not cost too much. I presume the ribbon will be with it. When you receive it, drop me a line and let me know how much it costs.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

C. Norman Pitt

PARVA NE PEREANT
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May 27th, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

I reached New York on time Saturday morning after a very comfortable night's sleep, and I found such a lot of work waiting for me that I did not take the time to write to you on Saturday as I had intended.

I found everything here in very good shape. The bulletins for our April meeting had just been received. I expected them several days ago. I enclose one herewith. I think, however, that I would not put this in this number of the Journal, but would hold it until the next number, putting in this number simply the February and March meetings. I said that to Dr. Marvin, and I presume he understands it.

I enclose an acknowledgment for the stuff that you gave us, and I have acknowledged the three Japanese medals to Ramsden direct.

I certainly appreciated the kindness of you and your mother in taking such exceedingly good care of me while I was in Boston. It was certainly most kind of you, and I enjoyed being with you very much.

With kind regards to you all, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Herman A. Metz

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June 19th, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

I enclose herewith a leaf from the North China Herald of May 4th, which contains rather an interesting little paragraph regarding the proposed coins of the Republic of China. Do you think that this is worth quoting in this number of the Journal if there happens to be a little bit of spare space in the latter end of the number? Personally, I feel a little dubious about it, but if you and Dr. Marvin think it is worth it why go ahead. I thought in any event that the paragraph might interest you, and I would be glad if you would return it to me when you are through with it as I like to file away every thing of this kind.

Things are getting rather slack with us now as there is not very much going on during the warm weather. I have no particular plans for a vacation, and unless I strike some brilliant idea for going away I will simply take a few days at a time as I happen to feel like it.

I had a letter from Dr. Marvin yesterday in which he informed me that he is still on the mend and has taken various automobile trips and several quite long walks, which I am very glad to hear. He also informed me that you were away on a few days trip, and I hope you are having a very good time.

Please remember me very kindly to Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Harlan P. Beach

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July 16th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I have been away for a couple of weeks and just returned, and I have found among the accumulated mail your letter of July 2nd with its various enclosures, also the three numbers of the Yokohoma Numismatic Society's publication.

With regard to the copies of the Journal that Ramsden wants, I have sent him numbers 3 and 4 of volume XLII, for which we will have to charge him fifty cents each. Shall I send a bill to him, or will you credit us with the dollar on the next purchase that I may make of his publications or other things ? As to the paper on Mereaux or Jetons of Chinese Origin, which he states is in the Journal of 1902, I would say that we have been unable to find this article. It is not in the number mentioned, and my secretary informs me that she has looked through the file of the Journal without being able to find it.

Much obliged for the clipping from the Boston Sunday Post of June 23rd regarding the medallion of Washington, which belongs to Mr. P. E. Duffee, of 500 Boylston Street. This seems to me to be quite interesting, but I think we should know a little more about it before publishing it in the Journal. The statement is made in the paper that this is the first specimen that has come to light, which, of course, may or may not be true. I will, as soon as I get time, look into the matter and see if I can get any track of any other specimen having been heard of. I wonder if you could get hold of the medallion, and get a photograph of it, so that we could illustrate it if we should eventually decide to do so. Mr. Duffee would probably loan it for that purpose. I will keep the clipping for the present.

Could you get me one of the Chinese dollars, of which you sent a rubbing ?

I am very glad to hear that Dr. Marvin continues to improve. I had a note from him the other day on the bottom of a galley proof in which he had some uncomplimentary remarks to make about the weather that you have been having in Boston lately. I guess it has been pretty bad here, as I was in the mountains I escaped some of it, though even there it was pretty hot.

I note that you say in your letter that you have been off quite a good deal lately. Would it not be a good scheme, when you want to take a few days off, to come over to New York ?

With kindest regards to all my good friends in Boston, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

H. Newman Sheldon

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July 25th, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

Your letter of July 20th with the Canadian medal came duly to hand. Much obliged. I am returning the medal herewith as requested.

I have just received one of these medals from McLachlan. He sent it to E. H. Adams, who forwarded it to me. I would judge from this that it will probably be mentioned in the Numismatist, which being the case I think it would be just as well for us to let it alone. This is certainly a very nice medal.

The Journal has been received. This is a good, big number. ~~On~~ I notice one thing which is wrong in line with what we talked about when I was in [illegible]. On page 56 and 57 sanwiched in between the article on Drachm and Obolus and Adams' paper on Private Gold Coinage is a little article of less than a page on the Portrait Plaque of De Witte. Now, it certainly would have been very much better to have put this little article after Storer's paper where there are several more of about the same length. It would have done no harm to have had Adams' article begin an inch lower on the page, and it would save us from the criticism of jumbling things together without any special order. I believe that we are pretty well agreed on this, and I hope you will do what you can to bring Dr. Marvin to the same way of thinking when it comes to laying out the pages.

I wrote to Dr. Marvin a few days ago, and asked him what he had in hand for the next number, and if there was anything he wanted me to do just now, but so far have not heard from him. I presume I will get a letter in the course of a few days.

Things are rather quiet here now, and I will probably be away more or less during August, not for any length of time, but for a few days now and then.

I have no doubt but what it will be a very good move on the part of Dr. Marvin to get into an apartment where there is not so much to take care of, though I rather think that he will miss the house where he has lived for so many years. I am certainly very glad to hear that his health still continues to improve.

Please remember me very kindly to Mr. and Mrs. Wood, also to all my good friends in Boston.

Very Sincerely (yours)

Howland Wood

PARVA NE PEREANT
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August 13th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I have only been coming over here occasionally since the first of the month, which is the reason that I have not answered your letter of August 4th before this. I have not as yet seen any way to purchase the Wang Mang moulds. I would like very much to have them, and I will see what can be done, and if I can not make any arrangment to buy them between now and the first of next week, I will send them to you as requested. I think you told me that the price was $75.00 This, I judge, is the least price at which they could be obtained, If, however, it can be lowered any, please drop me a line as that might be a help. I do not know that it would, but it might.

I have written to Adams and asked him to hurry along his contribution to the next number. I will be rather glad if this number is rather small. The last one was pretty expensive, and it will bring down the average somewhat.

Mr. Hills was over a few days ago, and I had a very pleasant time with him here.

What do you hear from W. W. ? It seems to me that he ought to be due in New York before very long.

With kind regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Howland Wood

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August 20, 1912.

My dear Wood:

Your letter of August 15th at hand. I have decided to keep the moulds as I have a little fund which amounts to $68.40, which I can use for that purpose, though I had intended expending it for something different. I therefore enclose my cheque to your order for $68.40 and ten cents in stamps, which makes up the amuont mentioned in your letter, $68.50. As I have to show vouchers for all my expenditures I would be glad if you would send me a receipt for this.

Has W. W. started for New York yet ? I hope he will get up here as I would like to see him very much.

Dr. Marvin has been much exercised over the loss of a cheque that I sent him, and I have just made him happy by sending a duplicate.

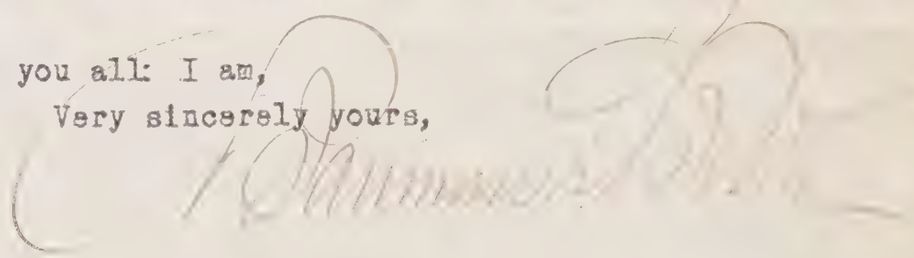
I hope you will have a good time at the convention, I would like to go, but can not manage it this year, do you expect to go through New York ? If you do I hope I will see you, can you not come out home and spend a night, or more, with me?

I understand that the Mitchelson collection is to be exhibited on the 29th of this month, a special exhibition of the entire collection, after which only a portion will be shown at any one time. I may possibly go over, that is unless there be a chance of you being in New York that day, in which case I would not miss seeing you by going out of town.

I have written to Adams about his copy for the next Journal, but have not heard from him, I presume he will go to the convention, and it may be that that is delaying him..

With kind regards to you all: I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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September 13th, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

Your letter of September 13th has just been received, also the package containing the two pamphlets and the two coins. The wrapper of the package was considerably torn, but fortunately the coins did not drop out. I intended sending an acknowledgment for them with this letter, and I had it made out before lunch, but now I find it has already been mailed so that it will cost me four cents to write to you this time. I enclose a bill for the two Journals, that were sent to Ramsden, on which I have credited the pamphlet on Chinese Barter, as you have requested.

I saw Frey on Friday night, and I had a little talk with him about his paper. I have also had some correspondence with Mr. Field, the Chairman of our Publication Committee, regarding it. He thinks it is a good thing, and that we ought to have it, and advised that we photograph the coins that have to be returned so as to have the illustrations secure when we need them. Frey tells me that in addition to the coins there are a lot of plaster casts and some photographs, and that the coins only will have to be returned. I do not know just how soon you will have to send these back to Frey, but if he gets impatient for them the best thing to do will be to photograph them and send them back.

I told Frey that we would want an article to publish in some shape, and that if the Journal should continue next year as a quarterly, that his article would run through two or three numbers or the entire year, and then if the Journal should be published as an annual the article could be published entire in the one number, and that if it should be decided that it would be published as a monograph that also could be done.

As regards the Chinese Bamboo Tokens, I really do not know very much about them. You can, if you feel like it, send me over a few together with what information you can give me regarding them, and perhaps some of our good people will feel like buying them for the Society after awhile. As to the Ming Bank note I will think that over and let you know later.

I hope you had a pleasant time while on Long Island. Did you try and hunt up Newell on any of your automobile expeditions?

It is rather sad to think of the effect the cool weather had upon the review of Higgins' book, though we will, no doubt, have to be grateful that it was not be frozen up altogether, and nothing left of it at all. Higgins, by the way, was at

Numismatic Club meeting on Friday, and I believe that various little differences, which I understood existed between him and certain members of the Club, have been smoothed, sandpapered and varnished, and everything is lovely. He asked me if I had succeeded in reading his book. I told him I had made some progress by easy stages. He also said there were two more to come. I do not see why he did not give it to us all at once and have it over with, however, I guess we can stand it.

I am very glad to have the two Chinese copper coins, which are decidedly interesting. Are you going to say anything in this number of the Journal about the new coin of the Republic? It seems to me if it is not too late, and there is room for it, that a short paragraph might be interesting. Ifwe do not note it in this number we will probably not want to note it at all as it is likely to be in the Numismatist before very long.

Much obliged for the list of papers comprising the International Numismata Orientalia. I will look up what we have and see if I can get the remainder. I will also inform Pehrson about the Tiflis coin. We will certainly want the Numismatic and Philatelic Journal of Japan, which according to the prospectus which you sent me, is to start on the first of next year. If I send you the requisite cash,will you send it to Ramsden with one of your remittances just to save me the bother of getting a money order ? If so, please let me know just how much to send. Will the publication of the Yokohama Numismatic Society continue for the remainder of this year ?

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

PARVA NE PEREANT
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September 28rd, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

Your letter of September 21st has just been received. The Chinese commemorative dollar is certainly interesting, and unless the Numismatist should happen to get hold of it before we can get it out, I think it might be a good thing to run in the next number as we have no room for it in this. I note that you say Ramsden sent you two at five dollars each. Unless you have disposed of these, I would be glad if you would save one for me.

I will send you subscription for Ramsden's new Journal very soon, and you might as well hold on to that fifty cents, and I can deduct that amount the first time I am sending over any cash.

I note what you say regarding the illustrations to Frey's paper, and I guess you would better do what you think best regarding this. I will be glad to see the manuscript when you are through with it. Frey mentioned having discovered one or two additional coins, and I told him I thought there would be no difficulty in working them in later. He seemed to think that it would be too much bother to change the numbers, but I should think that until the thing is in type that would be easy.

I am going over to Hartford for a couple of days on Tuesday night. I wish I had time to run over to Boston, but I have to be back here on Friday. I will spend most of my time while there in the State Library.

With kindest regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas L. Elder

PARVA NE PEREANT
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NEW YORK

September 24th, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

I have just received a package containing twelve of the bamboo tokens. I notice the price is attached to each one excepting one of the little fellows, which is number 28 B. Can you tell me what the price of this is? Can you also tell me anything about just how these tokens were used, or anything regarding their history, so that in case of an inquiry I will be posted. With things of this kind I like to have people buy them and present them rather than draw on the very limited funds I have at the present time, so I will let you know later as to whether I will keep the whole lot or ~~any~~ part of them. I do not suppose you are in any hurry. If you are please let me know.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Howland Wood

PARVA NE PEREANT
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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NEW YORK

September 30th, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

Your letter of September 25th came in while I was away. As regards the Chinese Commemorative Dollar there is no particular hurry in sending it over to me, so you might hang on to it for a while, and we will see if Adams gets hold of it. I enclose a clipping from the New York World of September 1st, which was given to me a few days ago. If Adams has seen this he will be apt to say something about the dollar, but the cut is certainly not good enough to be reproduced. I would be glad if you would return this clipping to me as I like to keep everything of this kind.

I will let you know in the course of a few days if we have the pamphlets that you mentioned. Our pamphlets are more or less mixed up and it takes a little time to hunt up anything. Mr. Savage has been so busy cataloguing the books and doing the necessary work that he has not gotten around to the pamphlets to any great extent. I have asked him to look this up, but it may be several days before he can give me an answer. I hope before long to have this stuff all arranged so that I can tell right off just what we have, as it is decidedly annoying not to be able to answer a question of this kind immediately.

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NEW YORK

I note what you say about the bamboo tokens, and will let you know about them as soon as possible. I will be glad to know something more about them when you hear from Ramsden.

With kind regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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October 16, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

Of the four pamphlets that you have, which you so kindly offerred to the Society, I find that we have the one by Julius Meili on Hans Frei. The others Mr. Savage has been unable to find in the library. I was of the opinion that we had your pamphlet on Canadian Blacksmith Coppers, and it may possibly turn up yet, but if you can spare a copy it might be a scheme to let us have it, and the other two we would be very glad to have.

I received a letter from Dr. Marvin a day or two ago informing me that the Journal is in the bindery, and will be sent out in a few days, of which I am very glad.

I will see Dr. Kunz in the course of a few days, and find out definitely whether we are going to get any more of the Roty article or not. If we are going to have any more of this, we will have to get it in the next number.

Mr. Saltus got back from Europe a little over a week ago, and he has some very nice medals for the Society, which are now on their way over.

I have received that collection from the man who lives in China, but have not had time to go over it very carefully. I notice, however, that there is quite a large lot of the later Chinese coins, silver and copper, of the various Mints, and while there is nothing very startling in the collection, still I think we will find it rather interesting.

I suppose all of Boston will go to the ball game this afternoon.

With kind regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Herman A. Otto

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY
NEW YORK

October 28th, 1912.

My dear Wood:-

Your letter of October 18th was received some days ago, and I have been so much interrupted during the last few days that I have not had much chance to think over the various things, that you mentioned.

Regarding the cuts for Frey's article, I am a little uncertain as yet whether they should be charged to T. R. Marvin & Co., or direct to the Society, and I will let you know about that as soon as I have a chance to talk it over with our Council. Of course, the plans for next year will have to be definitely laid out very shortly, so that if any change is made it can be duly announced, and also that we will know just what to do in the way of accepting subscriptions. Dr. Marvin has not as yet sent me any samples of smooth paper. I would be rather glad to have a few so as to have them here when the question comes up. No. 3 of the Journal seems to me to be very good, though I have not as yet read everything in it. I think it will be all right to illustrated the last of the Chinese Imperial Dollars with the first one of the Republic. As to the Roty article, Dr. Kunz writes me that he has it ready, and I expect to see him in the course of a day or two.

Adams called me up on the phone a few days ago, and asked if he could reprint your article on the coins of Muscat in the Numismatist. I told him that I had no objections, providing due credit was given. He also asked if we could let him have the cut of the coins, and I told him that we want to keep all the cuts we had, but I would take the matter up with you, and if you had no objections to the publication of the article in the Numismatist, I thought that you could have an electrotype made of the plate which would cost but little, and for which, of course, he could pay. I would be glad if you would let me know your opinion of this and the cost of the electrotype of the plate. Of course, if the electrotype is made you could charge it direct to him.

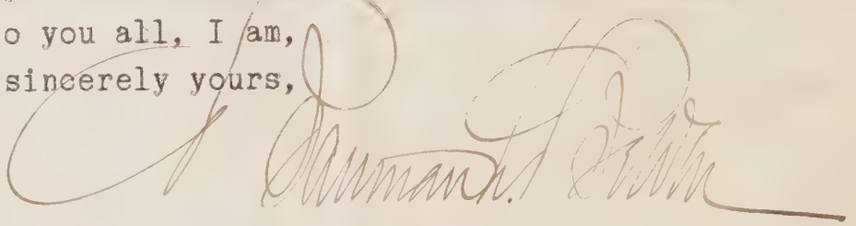
The pamphlets were duly received, and I sent you an acknowledgment several days ago.

As to Crosby's set of the Journal, I will let you know shortly whether I would care to give more than fifty dollars for it. I had a request from a party in Paris sometime ago, but I understand that this party has in the meantime secured a set. As I told you the last time I saw you I would be willing to give fifty dollars for a set, but I will have to think it over for a few days before deciding whether I would care to give as much as sixty dollars for it.

I have not as yet had time to go carefully over the collection of coins belonging to the man in China, but on looking it over hurriedly I notice that there are a considerable number of silver and copper coins of the different Mints, and I have an idea that as regards that particular series it may be quite interesting. It does not, as far as I have noticed, contain anything at all startling. There is more or less of the older cash, and there may be some interesting specimens. There is also a miscellaneous lot of European coins, but none of any particular value. When I have been over it a little more thoroughly I will be able to tell you more about it.

With kindest regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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December 12, 1912.

My dear Wood:

You no doubt remember, when you were last in New York you gave me to understand that, if the compensation should be satisfactory, you would be willing to accept the position of curator here. As the question of filling that office is now under consideration, I would be glad if you would give me your idea as to the compensation that would be satisfactory to you.

There will be a meeting of the Council on Monday evening, before the meeting of the Society, the matter may possibly come up then, or it may not be considered until a later meeting, but in any event I would like to be as well posted as possible regarding your views, so that I can have something definite to say when the opportunity offers, I wish you were within reach, so that we could talk it over, but I suppose this is the next best thing.

The Journal is to be made an annual, I will send over an announcement, to be printed in the next number, in a day or two. I will send it direct to Dr. Marvin.

I have been so busy getting the Cariati exhibition ready that I have had to let my correspondence pile up, I will get at it in a day or so, and if I find there is anything about which I should write you, I will do so. I have hardly had time to read my letters, much less answer them.

With kind regards to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Farran Zerbe

December 14,1913

My dear Mr.Belden,-

Your letter just at hand,as I told you in NEW York the position of curator would appeal to me very much,but I would have to consider my own welfare as well,as I am dependent on my salary,I would not make a change from the commercial side unless I bettered myself,or at least equalled what I am now getting,bearing in mind the fact of living in New York and not living with the family.

Since that talk I had with you I have given the matter more or less consideration and feel that the proper compensation should be $2,500.00 a year.

I wish to thank you very much for consulting with me on this matter,and if you wish,I can meet you a little later and talk it over with you.

Very sincerely

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December 23, 1912.

My dear Wood:

Your letter of yesterday just received. I am exceedingly sorry to hear that Dr. Marvin has had a bad turn, and I hope he will get over it very soon, please keep me posted as to how he is.

I have quite a long review of the book on Napoleon medals, by Batelon, which I want to get in this number, I will send it over tomorrow, it is a translation from a French paper, and will not be finished in time to send today.

On account of the absence of several members of the Council, I did not bring up the question of the curatorship on the 16th, so I have nothing definite to say regarding that, I think it would be a very good thing if you could run over here and talk things over with us, I will write you in a day or two as to the best time to come.

I have a proof of the report of the November meeting, will send it back tomorrow, as I will not have time to go over it ~~this~~ afternoon. We will not put the Roty article in this number.

Wishing you and yoyrs a very merry Christmas, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Herman A. Otto

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January 27th, 1913.

My dear Wood:-

The enclosed rather formal letter will explain itself. I am certainly very glad that things have worked around in so satisfactory a manner. It will, I am sure, be most pleasant and advantageous for all concerned.

The address of the party from whom we get the wax for making casts is as follows:-

Mr. J. G. R. Lilliendahl,
Neudientendorf
in Thüringen,
Germany.

Will you kindly ask Dr. Marvin to send in his bill for the last number of the Journal as soon as possible, as I want to get the account for the year closed up and out of the way.

The new Publication Committee has not as yet been appointed, as the Council had so much business on Saturday that some of it had to lay over. There will be another meeting next Saturday, and I hope that will be settled up then, so that the committee can get up a plan for the next volume of the Journal, and take up various other matters of importance that are now hanging fire.

Please remember me very kindly to all my good friends in Boston, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Herman A. Metz

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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February 4th, 1913.

My dear Wood:-

I enclose a letter to you from Poillon, it does seem rather rough that you should not get the first crack at the first letter sent to you in your official capacity of Curator, and I certainly would have sent it to you unopened had it not arrived with the envelope broken, and as I could see it contained a donation for the Society, I thought it better to get that out and keep it here. I will send an acknowledgment for it.

Your letter of February 18th has just been received. I will see what I can do for Zerbe as soon as I get time.

One hundred and fifty pounds of coins looks good, when we get donations that way you will find that your job is not a cinch. Would it not be well for you to send your coins and numismatic books here ? They will be safe and we can store them until you decide where to keep them. You can send them any time that is convenient, and I will have the packages put in a safe place where they will not be disturbed.

I enclose a list of the Standing Committees for this year, which you will, no doubt, find of interest. You see they are giving you plenty of work. Please take this as a notification of the committee appointments.

Have any mail sent here that you desire, if you want to make a change when you get a permanent address it will be very easy to do so.

Do as you please about your typewriter. We have one here for your use, but you may prefer to use your own until you get the hang of this one.

With kindest regards to you all, also to the Marvin family, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Farran Zerbe

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY, AT 156TH STREET
NEW YORK

February 19th, 1914.

Mr. Howland Wood,
615 West 162nd Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

As directed by the Council, I take pleasure in presenting you one of the Archer M. Huntington medals, which please accept, with the compliments of The American Numismatic Society in recognition of your kindness in contributing to the Exhibition of United States and Colonial Coins.

Very truly yours,

Director.